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Interview Summary	Application No. 08/900,360	Applicant(s) Obrecht
	Examiner Susanna Meinecke-Diaz	Group Art Unit 2163

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Susanna Meinecke-Diaz (Examiner)

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(2) Elliot Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347)

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Date of Interview Apr 3, 2001

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: None

Identification of prior art discussed:

None

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Examiner called the Applicant's representative to inform him that the Appeal Brief as filed is proper. As pointed out by Mr. Goldberg, MPEP 1206 states that "37 CFR 1.192(c) merely specifies the minimum requirements for a brief, and does not prohibit the inclusion of any other material which an appellant may consider necessary or desirable...A brief is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) as long as it includes items (1) to (9) in the order set forth (with the appendix, item (9), at the end)." The Appeal Brief indeed conforms to 37 CFR 1.192(c) and the Examiner thanks the Applicant's representative for this clarification. The objections to the Appeal Brief are hereby withdrawn.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

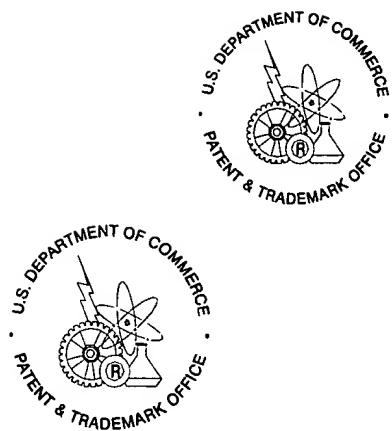
1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.


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